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Crorepati doctor's house burgled in city

- **Five kg gold, Rs. 11 lakh cash, 30 imported watches looted**
- **Thieves leave 10 kg silver in locker untouched**
- **Family switches off CCTV cameras before leaving house**

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RK,KS& BCT)- At a time when Lok Sabha election is raising enough heat and dust and being the talk of the town, here comes the news of a major house burglary where 5 kgs of gold, 30 imported watches and Rs. 11 lakh cash kept in two lockers were stolen from the posh house of a doctor in city.

The total worth of the loot is estimated to be more than Rs. 2 crore. The family was away in Bengaluru when the theft took place and surprisingly, the doctor's family had switched off the CCTV cameras before locking the house and leaving for Bengaluru.

The palatial house at Vijayanagar belongs to Dr. Rajiv, a chemotherapist at a private hospital in city.

Dr. Rajiv, along with his family members, had left for Bengaluru on Apr. 9 to receive his parents who had returned from the US.

On Apr. 11 (yesterday), Dr. Rajiv received a call from neighbours, who informed him that the back door of the house was open. A shocked Rajiv and family rushed back to Mysuru only to see their house burgled.

The family found that the iron gate of the passage of the house broken along with the back door from where the thieves gained entry into the house.

Burglars had entered the first floor of the house through the back door and broke open the two lockers that were in the two master bed rooms and made away with gold jewels, cash and imported watches.

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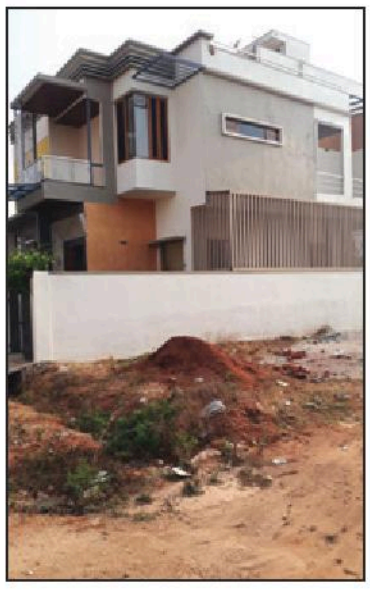

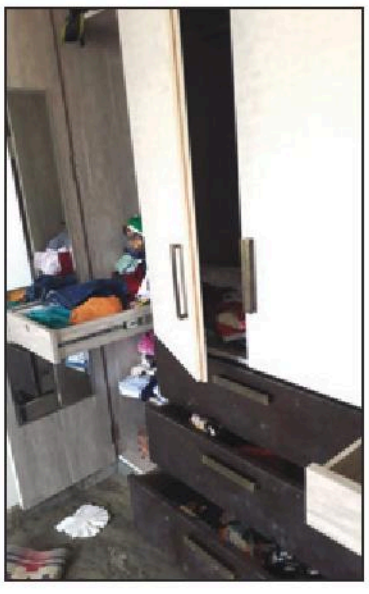

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Coalition Rally in city this evening

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RK&DM)- As a show of strength, the coalition partners Congress-JD(S) will hold a joint poll rally at Maharaja's College Grounds in the city at 5 this evening .

JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, CLP leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, Ministers G.T. Devegowda and S.R. Mahesh, former Union Minister C.M. Ibrahim, former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and other top Congress and JD(S) leaders will address the poll rally and seek votes for coalition candidates C.H. Vijayashankar contesting from Mysuru-Kodagu seat, R. Dhruvanarayan (Chamarajanagar) and Nikhil Kumaraswamy (Mandya).

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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People Vs People

The term *family* has these not-so-fascinating meanings: *1)* A social group made up of parents and their children; *2)* A group of people who come from the *same* ancestor; *3)* A group of people *living* together: household; *4)* A group of things sharing certain characteristics. The second meaning may rattle many when told the ape is that same ancestor. Scholars are fond of quoting the phrase *The world is a family*, drawn from a verse of *Maha Upanishad*, its Sanskrit script engraved in the entrance hall of the nation's Parliament. The other often expressed opinion in public domain that the country is a unique example of *Unity in Diversity* triggers thoughts on whether *a)* The 700-plus crore people residing in 200 countries on planet earth conform to the concept of a family and *b)* The goings on both in the nation's Parliament and Legislative Assemblies of its 36 States and Union Territories represent *unity* amidst the many sides to diversity of the profiles of the country's law-makers. If the hyper-active personnel of the media choose to ignore these goings on, one may feel happy with the stupor that not only the world is a family but also that the country personifies unity in diversity.

Inter-country and intra-country scenarios in our times, with the incumbent heads of different countries fuming with distasteful speeches in the General Assembly of the United Nations only shatter whatever hopes of tranquillity on Earth one wishes to experience. The conduct of 130 crore people of the land is equally cause for dismay.

In the context of the meaning of *joint family* changing to mean the twosome team of husband and wife, particularly in urban spaces in our times and given their volatile relationship turning sour, it is far-fetched to think of the nation's mass as *one family*, not to speak of the mass of humankind across the planet. If only the now-gone several hundred kings and rulers of smaller territories of the past in the land had conducted themselves as one family, the history of India would have been vastly different. Despite the monumental work of Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (1875-1950) of bringing the then rulers under one rule conforming to democratic system of government, the land's diaspora has got into loggerheads not only among themselves but also with the successive governments.

Unlike it happened in the past when aliens exploited the disunity in the subcontinent, the country may not witness a foreign rule in a political sense. However, the country and its people will do well to mend their unedifying ways and live like one family. Many may dismiss the wish as a pipe dream.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Hyper-consumption is a curse of our modern times. Humans generate monumental amounts of waste, a sizeable portion of which is disposed in landfills and through waste-to-energy incinerators. However, billions of tonnes of garbage, including micro-plastics, never make it to landfills or incinerators and end up in the oceans. This garbage chokes marine life and disturbs zooplankton, which are vital to the elimination of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Landfills are seedbeds of methane and other greenhouse gases, which contribute to global warming. These toxic chemicals poison the soil and their leached run-off makes its way into the oceans. And while they do generate energy, waste incinerators cause health issues such as cancer. In India, nearly 60% of the household waste is wet organic waste, with low calorific value. This makes options such as waste-to-energy incinerators inefficient. We need to design incinerators that are suited to Indian conditions. *— Madhurika Sankar in The Hindu.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman divorces husband while on honeymoon

Abu Dhabi: A newly-married woman filed for a divorce from her 'cheap' husband recently, who she accused of making her pay for everything.

According to reportes, the unnamed woman filed a case in the Personal Status Chamber at Abu Dhabi Court asking for a divorce from her Iranian husband, though they were still in their honeymoon.

She claims that the man, who is 13 years her junior, asked her to pay for everything, including groceries and bills for electricity and water. The scorned woman is apparently so determined to be rid of her husband that she agreed to waive all of her rights just to get the divorce.

Her attorney told the court that the man even asked her to handle all the registration for services, while he had his personal documents processed.

Double amputee turns barren hills into lush forest

Jingxing: A 70-year-old double amputee from Jingxing in North China's Hebei province, has spent the last 19 years of his life planting thousands of trees and turning a barren hill into a small forest.

Ma Sanxiao, also an army veteran, was diagnosed with blood poisoning in 1974, while serving in the Chinese Army and after he retired had both his legs amputated – his right leg in 1985, and the left one in 2005. After seven major operations Because of his disability, finding a job proved very difficult. In 2000, after getting inspired by another tree-planting story, he started planting trees in the barren hills to sell them for profit.

After seeing the trees growing under his eyes, Ma got so attached to his small forest that he decided he couldn't sell them, but planted trees for the benefit of others.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

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Dynamic Digital Marketing Summit at BPBIM tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr.12 - Bhavan's Priyamvada Birla Institute of Management (BPBIM), Mysuru, in association with National Institute of Digital Marketing (NIDM), Mysuru, has organised a 'Dynamic Digital Marketing Summit' on Apr. 13 (Saturday) from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st stage in city.

K.G. Manasi, Social Media Trainer and Consultant will speak on the topic 'Digital Footprints, Why it Matters?' while M.S. Kumar, Founder and Trainer at NIDM, will talk on 'Future trends and career prospects in Digital Marketing.'

For details, contact Mob: 74835-13991, according to a press release.

Debate workshop for High School students in June

Mysuru, Apr.12- Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS), a unit of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) in collaboration with ILR School, Cornell University, USA, has organised a debate workshop for High School students from June 10 to 14 at the institute premises in Hebbal.

The workshop is designed with a blended learning model and students will be divided into groups led by the Debate Coach. The Coach will teach all aspects of debate from argument building to refutation strategy.

Estefania Palacios, Director of Outreach, Speech and Debate Society, ILR School, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, will be the Debate Coach.

At the end of the workshop, all students will participate in the debate tournament with one team crowned as champions. Two of the girls participating in the workshop would be invited to travel to Cornell University for the International Summer Debate Camp.

Those interested may contact Mob: 94497-91900 or visit: *www.viis.in*, acording to a press release.

Really...?

- ***A category three hurricane releases more energy in ten minutes than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.***
- ***There is enough fuel in full jumbo jet tank to drive an average car four times around the world.***
- ***Human body carries 10 times more bacterial cells than human cells.***
- ***At over 2,000-kms-long, The Great Barrier Reef is the largest living structure on Earth.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Segregating waste at source

Sir,

After clean city competition fever and also the awareness campaigns, there appears to be a perceptible change in the mindset of Mysureans, especially housewives who are actually segregating wet and dry waste at the street-level cart collections by Pourakarmikas. If this trend continues, Mysuru can get back its coveted No.1 clean city title next year.

—Vasanthkumar Mysoremath,
Environmentalist
Tilaknagar
3.4.2019

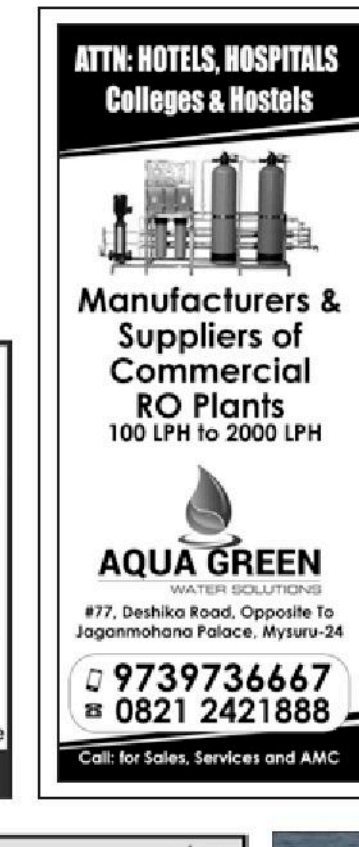
Tinkering Lab inaugurated

Mysuru, Apr.12- MICA PU College, Mysuru, in association with Science Ashram has set up MICA Tinkering Lab for its PUC Science students in an area of 4,000 sq.ft. based on the PUC Science curriculum.

The college has also set up Bio-Sciences Lab specifically catering to the learning needs of Biology students and developed MI-Book App covering the PUC Science curriculum and it is based on the micro learning principle.

MICA Tinkering Lab was inaugurated by Prof. S.V. Sudhir, Head, Centre for Training Advanced Technology (CTAT), NIE, Mysuru along with Ishaq Syed, Chairperson, MICA PU College.

PU Science aspirants may experience tinkering at MICA Tinkering Lab free of cost [contact Mob:99455 45845], according to a press release from MICA Principal M.N. Ponnamma.



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NEWS BRIEFS

MGP monthly meeting

The monthly public meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) will be held on Sunday (Apr. 14) at 4 pm at its Office, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri. The meeting will feature an interaction with Vidyaranya Gargeshwari, an RTI and social activist, about the 74th amendment to the Constitution whose goal is to greatly increase citizen participation in local governance. Interested public may participate. For details, call Ph: 2515150, according to a press release from Prof. S. Sobana of MGP.

Teresian Alumni Meet

The Teresian Alumni Association (TAA) has organised a get-together of their alumni on Apr. 13 (Saturday) at 11 am in Ave Maria Golden Jubilee Auditorium, Teresian College premises in Siddarthanagar here. All the old students are requested to attend. For details contact Chethan on Mob: 81054-87878 or Princy Joy on Mob: 99002-83900, according to a press release.

Cycling Challenge at Chamundi Hill

Mysuru Cycling Club has organised a cycle event "Chamundi Epic - 2019 Challenge" on Apr. 14 (Sunday) at 6 am from Chamundi Hill Entrance Arch. The event is open for all and is conducted in different categories based on age group — Men, Women, Under 18 yrs, Masters (40 yrs & above), Kids (Boys & Girls). For offline registration – CYCLOPEDAI; online registration - https://in.explara.com/e/-mysurucyclingclub-fcr-2019 or contact Mob: 8884851538 or 8722909562, according to a press release.

Ph.D degree in Food Science

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Food Science and Nutrition to M.P. Swetha for her thesis titled 'Bioavailability and Health Benefits of Moringa Oleifera Seed Cake Polyphenols' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S.P. Mattukumar.

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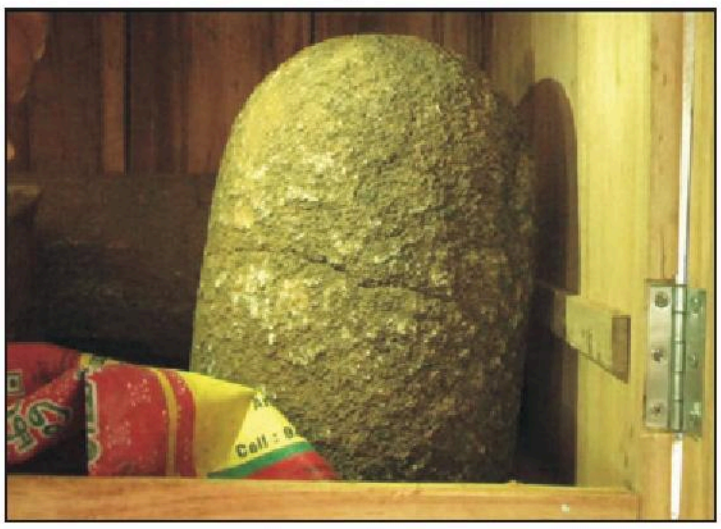
Don't immerse Talacauvery Agasthyeshwara Linga: HC



The five-foot original Agasthyeshwara Shivalinga from Agasthyeshwara temple in Talacauvery. Over the years, the Shivalinga was broken due to negligence and improper handling. Now only the top portion of the Shivalinga remains as seen in picture right.

Lohitt Urs

Sham Bhat

Madikeri, Apr. 12 (PS&BCT)- The Karnataka High Court has passed an interim order restraining the removal of Agasthyeshwara Shivalinga from Agasthyeshwara temple in Talacauvery, Kodagu district, the birthplace of River Cauvery.

A Division Bench, headed by Acting Chief Justice L. Narayana Swamy, passed this order after hearing a **petition filed by Lohitt Urs, a resident of Mysuru and represented by Advocate O. Sham Bhat.** According to the petitioner, the Shivalinga was believed to have been installed by Saint Agasthya and the State Government as well as the Archaeology Department, instead of protecting the said monument, are making efforts to remove the same and immerse it in the sea.

The petitioner has claimed that if the Shivalinga is removed, the same will hurt the feelings as well as sentiments of devotees as well as the general public. The temple is under the management of the State Government's Muzrai Department and the Court order has been communicated to the respective Departments by Additional Public Prosecutor D. Nagaraj.

IMMERSION IN SEA

The Temple Committee had unearthed a Shivalinga near Agasthyeshwara Temple in Talacauvery Kshetra, several months ago. But as the Shivalinga was found to be broken, it was decided to immerse it in Poompuhar in Tamil Nadu.

Following a difference of opinion between the villagers and the Temple Committee, some devotees approached the Court. They attributed the natural calamities in Kodagu to the unearthing of the damaged Shivalinga and to the decision of immersing it.

HOW SHIVALINGA WAS FOUND

A series of development works were carried out at Talacauvery and Bhagamandala Kshetra in 2005 at a cost of Rs. 15 crore and as the original Shivalinga at Agasthyeshwara Temple was found to be damaged, it was replaced by a new Shivalinga.

The broken Shivalinga was placed in a copper container by the Temple Committee and was buried as per the suggestion obtained through 'Ashtamangala Prashne' rituals that were led by a team of astrologers from Kerala comprising Narayana Poduval, Chodyagara Shyama Shastri and Thantri Padmanabha Neeleshwara.

But in 2006, during a 'Thamboola Prashne' ritual, it was revealed that the Shivalinga should not have been buried. Instead, it should have been immersed in the sea. A few days ago, the buried Shivalinga was unearthed as per the advice obtained through another 'Ashtamangala Prashne'. The Shivalinga is now placed in a box.

HIGH COURT PETITION

Meanwhile, **noted advocate and religious thinker from Mysuru O. Sham Bhat** approached the High Court through a writ petition and opposed the immersion of Shivalinga as it is said to be consecrated by Sage Agasthya. **The petitioners in the case are Ananth P. Bhat and Lohitt Urs** and the other parties in the petition are Commissioner for Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments for the State of Karnataka, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Talacauvery Temple Committee President B.S. Thammaiah and priest T.S. Narayanachar.

COURT DIRECTIVE

Hearing the writ petition, the High Court has directed the authorities neither to immerse the ancient Shivalinga in the sea while performing rituals and other ceremonies nor cause further damage to the Linga in the name of rituals. Sham Bhat had argued that there is a specific rule that states that idols and religious symbols that are more than 100-years-old must not be shifted from its original place.

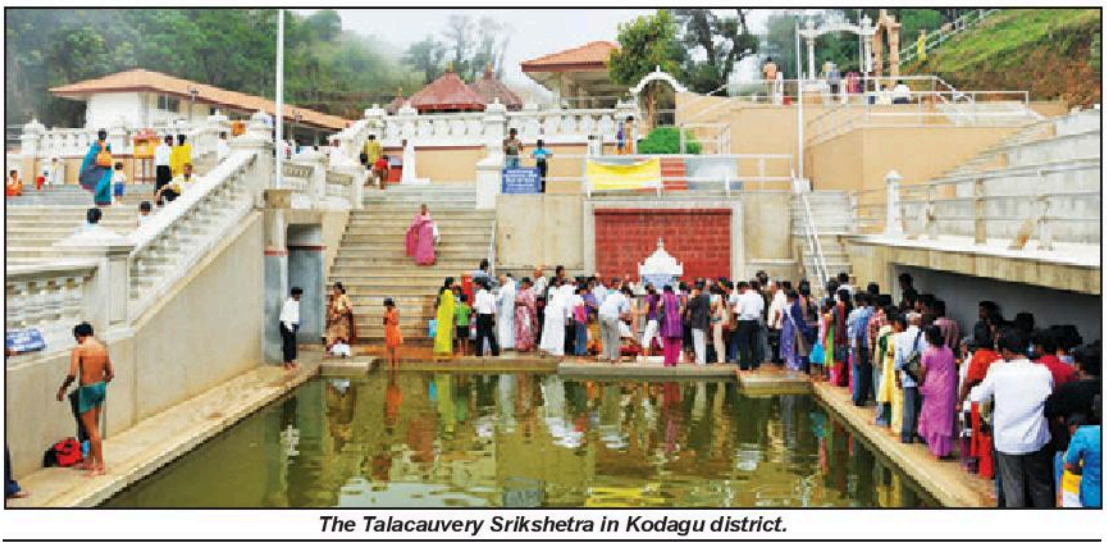
He had argued that Saint Agasthya is revered even now by many religions and the Shivalinga installed by the Maharshi is of great significance and value and destroying such a Shivalinga will not only hurt the sentiments of the people but also if immersed in the sea, the Linga will be lost forever.

"There is a history of thousands of years behind the Shivalinga and Saint Agasthya has established many such Lingas across the country. Goddess Cauvery emerged from the 'Kamandala' of Saint Agasthya and there are historical and religious references to establish this. Moreover, River Cauvery is worshipped as a Goddess," Sham Bhat argued.

FIVE-FOOT SHIVALINGA

According to officials from the Archaeological Survey of India, the Shivalinga dates back to the period of Ganga Empire and is 1,000 years old. However, there is a dispute regarding this as communities associated with the temple say that the Linga was established by Saint Agasthya. "Originally it was a five-foot Shivalinga which broke over the years due to improper handling and negligence. Now only the top portion remains and the Temple Committee was ready to immerse it. This has been stayed by the High Court," they said.

Reacting on the High Court order, Talacauvery-Bhagamandala Temple Management Committee Chairman B.S. Thammaiah said, "The Temple Tantri was about to write to the Deputy Commissioner regarding the immersion of Shivalinga. The date was finalised for immersion. However, the High Court orders will be adhered to and we will submit our plea before the Court as per the Tantri's directions."



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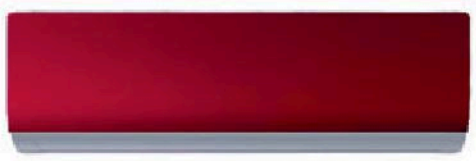

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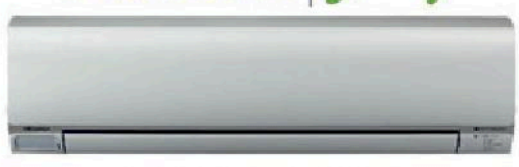

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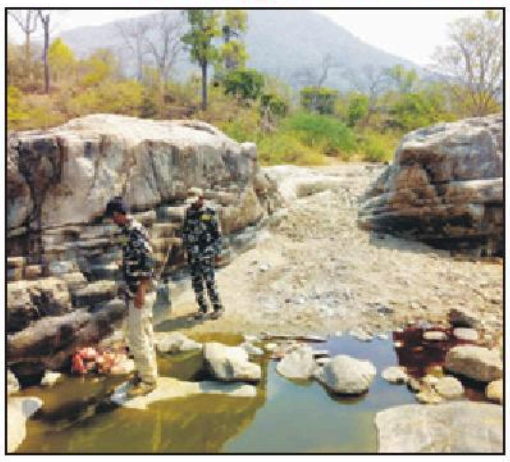

Hanur, Apr. 12- In a major haul, the Karnataka Forest Department has managed to confiscate a huge haul of over 400 kg of wild meat besides arms and snares used for hunting on the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu Border. However, the poachers managed to escape.

Yesterday afternoon, the Forest Department staff from MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary exchanged fire with poachers, suspected to be in a group of three to four, across Palar River that divides Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

On specific information that poachers are killing wild animals to sell the meat, Department staff was on high alert. Moreover, since the past three to four days they were hearing gun shots from deep inside the jungle.

Last afternoon, a forest team noticed the movement of poachers in a jeep and when the poachers spotted the forest team standing across the river, they opened fire. The forest team took cover and retaliated.

When the Department staff rained bullets, the poachers ran into the forest and escaped. Officials later crossed the Palar River, entered Tamil Nadu and confiscated the items that were left behind by the poachers. Nearly 400 kg of dry and fresh meat was stacked in bags and kept in the jeep. A firearm has been seized from the spot along with snares and knifes, a forest official said.

To their shock, officials found a portion of the Palar river red in colour due to blood spilt by poachers while cleaning the meat. Several animal parts were also found. Once cleaned, the meat was stuffed into gunny bags and loaded into the jeep to be transported to towns and cities in Tamil Nadu where there is high demand for wild meat.

Officials suspect that the poachers may have been camping at Erode Range for more than two days. The border area does not have enough protection measures or staff. The seized jeep, meat and other materials have been handed over to the Range Forest Officer of Erode. Forest officials said that most of the meat was of deer.

'Con' doctor steals woman's gold ornaments

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (YDS&KS)- A miscreant in the guise of a doctor has stolen gold ornaments of a woman, who had come for a scan at K.R. Hospital on Tuesday.

The victim, identified as Manjula, had come to the hospital along with her sister Sharada for a scan. When she was about to enter the scanning room, a person told her that she should not wear any ornaments during scan.

Manjula then removed all her gold ornaments weighing about 23 grams and kept it in a bag along with Rs. 1,000 cash and gave it to her sister Sharada.

After a few minutes, Sharada kept the bag containing jewels and cash on the table where the person who had claimed himself as a doctor was sitting, entered the scanning centre and came back after a few minutes.

When she checked the bag, she found the gold ornaments and cash missing.

Suspecting that the person, who had claimed himself to be a doctor had stolen the valuables, she has lodged a complaint at Devaraja Police Station.

Devaraja Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Assault by lab assistant: Students stage protest

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (MK&KS)-Alleging that the lab assistant had assaulted a few students, the students of MBA Agri Business stage a protest in front of the Institute of Developmental Studies at Manasagangothri campus yesterday demanding removal of the lab assistant from the job.

Speaking to media persons, the students said that MBA Agri Business second year students Tilak, Ajith, Chethan and Rajesh, were talking to each other when Sandeep, the lab assistant, who was nearby, accused them of taking against him and assaulted them besides behaving in an indecent manner with the students.

The protesting students further said that though they reported the incident to Department Head Prof. Nagaraju, he behaved as if nothing had happened. They alleged that Prof. Nagaraju, who is the Professor of Geography is only a name-sake head of the Agri Business Department and does not respond to any problems faced by the students. The students demanded to change Prof. Nagaraju as the Department Head and also demanded the University authorities to dismiss Lab Assistant Sandeep from the job.

University of Mysore Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi, who rushed to the spot, pacified the agitating students and assured them of speaking with the authorities concerned following which the students withdrew their protests.

Fresh IT raids in city; notice issued to Puttaraju's son

Mysuru, Apr. 12- The Income Tax (I-T) Department yesterday issued notice to Minor Irrigation Minister C.S. Puttaraju's son Shivaraj, summoning the latter for questioning on Apr. 25.

The Minister is in charge of Mandya district and is overseeing election preparations of Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil Kumaraswamy, who is contesting his maiden election from Mandya.

A 15-member team comprising I-T and election officials searched the house of Shivaraj at Sankalp Central Park Apartments in city at 1 pm yesterday. The officials searched the house for four hours. Only Shivaraj's chef was present in the house and the officials asked the chef to switch off his mobile phone.

The officials have served a notice on Shivaraj asking him to be present at the office for questioning on Apr. 25. Shivaraj learnt about the raids from the security guards of the apartment. He told reporters, "The JD(S) candidate will get an additional 25,000 to 50,000 votes for every I-T raid. The officials, like in previous raids, have returned empty-handed this time too."

He added, the I-T raids on JD(S) leaders and followers are politically motivated and the BJP is misusing the agency to help Sumalatha Ambarish, backed by the saffron party, win elections in Mandya.

On Mar. 28, the Income Tax Department carried out raids at multiple locations in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mandya, Ramanagaram, Shivamogga and Hassan triggering a strong reaction from Kumaraswamy and Congress leaders who accused the Centre of promoting politics of vendetta.

Meanwhile, I-T raids were conducted on the campaign office and other locations in Bengaluru connected to Rizwan Arshad, the Congress-JD(S) candidate for the Bengaluru Central Constituency. Most of the offices and buildings raided belong to businessmen close to him. The candidate has called it an 'act of vendetta' against him.

Although the I-T Department is yet to issue an official statement, sources have confirmed that the three persons who were raided are Kamal Pasha, Amanullah Khan and Naeez Khan.

Chain snatched at Hanumanthanagar

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (SPN&KS)- Bike borne miscreants have snatched a gold chain of a woman at Hanumanthanagar on Wednesday.

The victim is Poornima Devi, a resident of KSRTC Layout in Hanumanthanagar.

Poornima was walking in front of her house when the miscreants, who came on a two-wheeler in the opposite direction, yanked off her 50 grams gold chain and sped away.

A case has been registered at N.R. Police Station in this regard.

Obituary

Saleema Jan

Mysuru, Apr. 12- Saleema Jan (75), a resident of Bannimantap 'C' Layout, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

She leaves behind seven sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and Tadfeen was held at 11 am today at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle here, according to sources.

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Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Death Dealers in Disguise!

Last Friday I wrote about the carefree 'medical practice' of some of our roadside native healers who do not have to worry about adhering to any of the Government imposed rules and restrictions that bind all qualified practitioners of medicine. Surprised and even startled city-dwelling readers wrote or called back to ask me whether such healers still exist. I feel very surprised that most people who rush about their daily lives do so exactly like blinkered horses without looking to their left or to their right.

If they only had the time and perhaps a tiny bit of inclination they would have seen the sights that I see as I go along my leisurely pace of life! Yes, practitioners of medicine like the ones I have written about do exist still and they may be found eking their living in their make-shift homes. They go about their jobs without degrees and diplomas and dispense medicines that have not seen the inside of any labs to determine whether the ingredients they contain are harmful or harmless, let alone being useful. They also pry and probe into people's ears and noses and instil drops and also extract crusts and globs of wax with rusty, unwashed and unsterilised instruments.

I have seen them removing foreign bodies from people's eyes with hairpins which they pluck straight from their own hair. I have also seen them plucking out people's painful teeth with forceps that look like cobblers' pincers and packing the sockets with cotton wool plucked out of grimy cloth pouches. You too can see them doing all this and much more without leaving the comfort of your arm chairs on *YouTube.* They collect a few rupees as their fee and continue to lead their lives on the roadside where they have remained for generations.

They lead their lives in abject poverty and because they happen to be migrants their children do not get any kind of schooling. So the only knowledge that helps them to earn their daily bread when they grow up is what they pick up while seeing their parents at work. These gypsy healers perhaps do no greater harm than just giving false solace to the believers in their art.

But there is a thriving and flourishing breed of another kind of medical practitioners who are today fleecing people across the length and breadth of our country in the guise of curing them of the chronic diseases that torment them and for which cures are rather elusive. There are many things, both real and imaginary, like pimples, hair-fall, chronic constipation, flatulence, dark complexion, low blood pressure, palpitation, body odour, bad breath and excessive sweating, to name just a few, that bother people. These problems may not be dangerous but they do bother all those who are afflicted by them. But there are some very common real ailments like asthma, arthritis, dust allergy and low energy levels which torment people for which modern medicine has not yet found a cure.

As a practising physician I always tell my patients who suffer from these problems that if someone tells them that he or she can cure them of these problems completely he or she is a crook ! Yes, that is the absolute truth as things stand today and there can be no second opinion on that. This is exactly the situation which has given rise to this new breed of crooks I am talking about who masquerade as healers and medical practitioners who actually make a life out of dispensing death! They come in many disguises.

One may be a Vaid who claims to be a dispenser of pure Ayurvedic or Siddha medicine which originates from the Vedic age. Another may be a Hakim who claims to be practising Unani Medicine that came from ancient Greece through the Arabian route. Some may possess qualifications and some may not. **But the worst among all of them are the properly qualified allopathic practitioners who somewhere down the lane decide that straightforward and honest medical practice brings them no quick rewards and therefore transform themselves into despicable quacks.** All these charlatans invariably take the help of a single group of drugs called steroids that have very potent powers to counter a process called inflammation that is very common in both humans and animals and which is one of the first topics that are taught in any medical college.

I'll first tell you in very simple words what this high sounding word is all about before telling you how steroids help dishonest doctors to make their dirty money. Whenever something like an injury or a fall or even a simple thorn prick irritates a part of our body it causes the body to release some substances that cause that part to become, hot, swollen, red and painful. This is nature's way of first giving rest to the afflicted part before starting the healing process. This also draws attention of the person to the problem who would otherwise have ignored it and continued to use that part causing it greater harm. Nature can always do this job unassisted but sometimes when the injury is severe it can take much time which can be rather uncomfortable for us. That is where medicine steps in and doctors advise a class of drugs called pain-killers and anti-inflammatories which can considerably hasten the healing process and also make the waiting period relatively painless.

Among these drugs are the group of drugs called steroids which are the most potent in their action. That is the property that makes them ideal for misuse. Unlike acute injuries there are many medical conditions like Asthma, Dust Allergy and Arthritis where persistent inflammation plays a very important role for no apparent reason. These too can be controlled by giving steroids and good doctors do use them but only on a short term basis to give quick relief to patients during flare ups of their problems. But the injudicious use of steroids over long periods of time, disregarding their side-effects is what makes doctors bad and rich too !

The patients think that the steroid-armed, quick-curing doctor has great treating prowess which they call divine 'Kaiguna' and flock to him or her for much needed succour. All their itching and twitching and wheezing and sneezing stops in a jiffy. Their aching and creaking joints stop hurting in just two weeks. All this magic lasts as long as they go to that ever-smiling and sweet talking 'gem of a human being' once a week for the magic herbal pills or bitter powder which they have to take with a dash of sweet honey. As they become symptom-free their faith in their healer only increases and they thus never bother to ask if their magically effective treatment can do them any harm.

Yes, steroids are indeed magic and they can also do much harm too. More harm than they can ever imagine and it is harm that can be permanent and often fatal. They can cause weight gain, pimples and increased hair growth all over the body. In women they can lead to irregular menstrual periods and infertility. They can give you diabetes and high blood pressure even if you were not destined to get them. They can give you a puffed up mongoloid face and a hump on your back in just a few months. They can give you cataracts and glaucoma and they can cause sleeplessness and severe gastritis and heartburn. They can cause severe mood swings and intense depression too. But most of all, they can cripple your immune system that protects you from getting infections.

So if you happen to catch a simple respiratory infection while you are on steroids they can cause it to rapidly progress into a fatal pneumonia. So beware of the good old soul who gives you pills, powders, potions or injections whose names and ingredients you do not know. Make sure that whatever medicine you ingest or even apply on your body comes in a sealed packing with all the ingredients listed on it. It does not matter who gives it to you and how kind a soul and heart he or she may seem to have! **Mind you, death too comes with a smile these days and it may be lurking around the nearest corner !**

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Interactive session on recent SC judgement on PF

Kasturi

Purushotham

Mysuru, Apr.12- Mysore Industries Management Association (MIND MASS), Mysuru and Innovative Forum of HR Associates (IFHA), Mysuru, have organised an "Interactive Session on Recent Judgement of Supreme Court on PF Contributions - Salary Components to Be Considered" today at 5 pm at Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road in the city.

Bhaskar Kalale, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru, who is also the President and General Manager of India Operations, Theorem Inc., will inaugurate. R. Guru, Chairman, N. Ranga Rao & Sons, will deliver the keynote address. K. Kasturi, Senior Counsel, High Court of Karnataka and J. Purushotham, Advocate and President, MIND MASS, will speak on the topic.

The session is open for CEOs, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, HR Managers, HR Officers, Executives, Finance Managers, Legal Managers, Compliance Officers, Admin and Payroll Executives of various firms.

For details call Mob: 70198-66909 or 96117-41501.

Fairs and Shandies postponed

Mysuru, Apr.12- On account of the LS polls to take place on Apr. 18, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Shankar has ordered postponement of all fairs, shandies and festivals across the district, in order to ensure free and fair polls, according to a press release.

Public auction of horticultural produce on Apr.15

Mysuru, Apr.12- The Horticulture Department will publicly auction all horticultural produce grown in the Department farms in the district at Curzon Park in the city at 5 pm on Apr.15.

The tender forms are available at the Department Office upon payment of Rs. 25 and all the sealed tenders received will be opened in public at 1 pm on Apr.15. For details, call Ph:0821-2977572, according to a press release.

Weekend plays at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira

A scene from the play 'Samsaradalli Sanidapa.'

A scene from the play 'Ondu Preetiya Kathe.'

- Rangavalli's comedy play 'Samsaradalli Sanidapa'
- Bangalore Theatre Collective's 'Ondu Preetiya Kathe'

Mysuru, Apr.12- The 'Virtuous Burglar' is one of Italian actor and playwright Dario Fo's best known farces. Rangavalli, an amateur theatre troupe from Mysuru, will be staging the comedy play 'Samsaradalli Sanidapa' based on K.V. Akshara's translation of 'Virtuous Burglar,' directed by Raviprasad.

The play, which will be staged on Apr.13 at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises in city, is of one-and-a-half hour duration.

The play is set in the contemporary time and deals with the consequences of a burglary which starts out badly and just goes downhill from thereon. The burglar breaks into the flat of a well to do man. But whilst he is "at work," his wife rings him and nags him as only a wife can nag a husband. Then, to make matters worse, the owner returns unexpectedly, bringing with him his lover. One by one, various people enter the flat without knowing what exactly is happening and who is involved with whom.

Eight characters locked in a flat that they would each prefer not to be in are tangled in a web of marital intrigue that would take quite a few spiders to spin.

'Ondu Preetiya Kathe'

Bangalore Theatre Collective will be staging the play 'Ondu Preetiya Kathe' (based on Vijay Tendulkar's Mitrachi Goshta) at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises on Apr.14.

There will be two shows — 3.30 pm and 7 pm — of the play with a duration of 100 minutes.

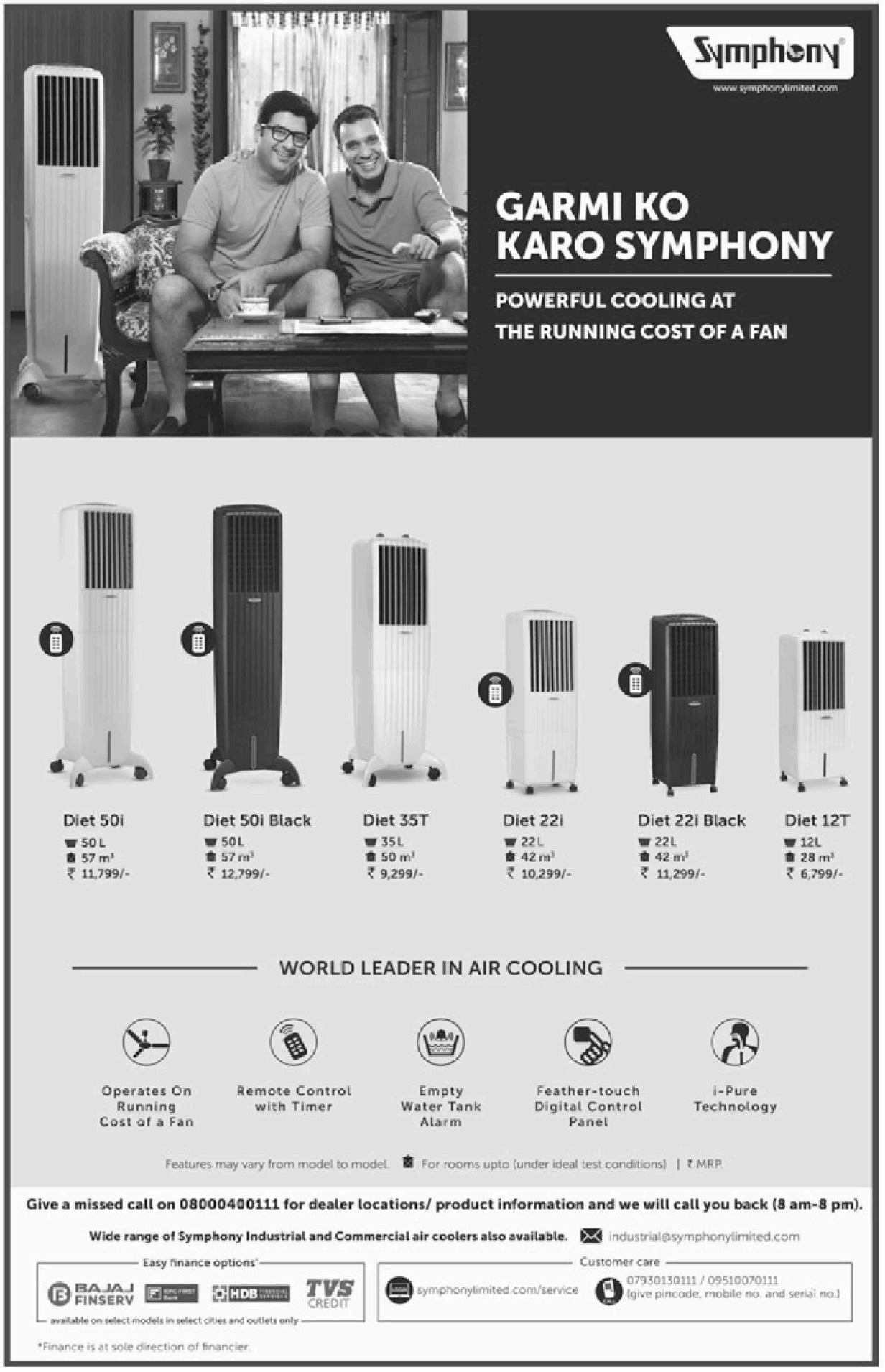
The first play in Kannada to discuss the homosexuality of a woman is directed by Venkatesh Prasad.

For tickets, contact Mob: 99001-82400 or log on *www.bookmyshow.com*

Synopsis: The play foregrounds a young girl, by name Preethi and the life-changing moments in Preethi's struggle to cope with being "different." The intriguing play is set in a college and is a stark commentary on love.

The play focuses primarily on Preethi's love affair, but narrated through the eyes of her friend, Ajay, the central character. Their friendship goes through a succession of quick, dramatic growth spurts that reveal the complexity of friendship and show that Ajay ultimately comes to represent: a homophobic society that keeps its blinders on to naturalise straight relationships as the norm.

The gradual unravelling of her sexuality, her confusion regarding her sexual identity, her violent attraction towards her love and the blossoming friendship between her and a male friend, form the central points of the play. The play is weaved into a complex character with intricate plotlines that break the taboo on lesbian identities.



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Interview with Pratap Simha

Road to Development is my Road to Victory

Last elections, Pratap Simha was a surprise BJP candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency and this time he is seeking re-election. The 43-year-old is undeterred and confident of a win as he says, he has nurtured his Constituency and worked relentlessly for its development.

There are 22 candidates in the fray in Mysuru-Kodagu but the elections will be a straight fight between the sitting MP and Congress-JD(S) coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar. *Star of Mysore* caught up with Pratap Simha. — *Excerpts*

By B.C. Thimmaiah

Star of Mysore (SOM): What have you done differently than the previous MPs?

Pratap Simha: After being elected as an MP, I have brought several mega projects to my Constituency. The most recent one being upgradation of the existing four-lane Highway between Mysuru-Bengaluru into a 10-lane with a budget of Rs. 7,750 crore and work has already begun. What must be noted here is that Karnataka Government will not be spending a single penny on this.

My priority has always been to improve connectivity to Mysuru as the region severely lacked it. And we must remember connectivity is a must for prosperity. So I took it up as a challenge and in the next two to three years, Mysuru will be seamlessly connected through road, rail and air. Once this happens, not only will industrial landscape improve but also tourism, which in turn means a prosperous Mysuru with more jobs.

I would also like to remind my constituents that Mysuru-Bengaluru Railway track doubling was long pending and none of the previous MPs took interest in seeing it through. I took the initiative of translocating the centuries-old Tipu Armoury along the Railway track at a cost of Rs. 13 crore and again I had brought the money from the Centre. And today, not to sound pompous, I have been successful in bringing six new trains to Mysuru and now Mysuru is connected to cities like Hyderabad, Varanasi and Udaipur.

Apart from this, the Satellite Railway Terminal costing Rs. 789 crore at Naganahalli on Mysuru-Bengaluru section was sanctioned during my tenure.

Then everyone said the Mysore Airport at Mandakalli is jinxed and that no airline will ever consistently operate but under my tenure and under UDAN *(Ude Deshka Aam Nagarik)* scheme everyday there is a flight to Chennai and at least eight to nine new flights will be operated to cities including Bengaluru, Kochi, Hyderabad and Hubballi soon. Also, we are again expanding the runway for planes like A-320 to land and this is a completely Centre-funded project for which Rs. 700 crore has been sanctioned.

I have to mention other development works also, like development of Chamundi Hill under 'PRASAD' (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) scheme from Centre costing Rs. 50 crore, construction of Mega Textile Cluster near Belawadi at a cost of Rs. 50 crore. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has given green signal for Mysuru-Madikeri four-lane road and sanctioned Rs. 6,000 crore just for land acquisition.

Then, the very visible flyover at Hinkal Junction has been completed. Under Central Road Fund, I have got Rs. 250 crore sanctioned for main road works in the Constituency. The Ring Road work has been completed and handed over to NHAI. It was my initiative to plant 6,000 Hebbevu saplings along 42-km-long median and 8,000 fruit-bearing trees along both the service roads.

Of course, every one said Mysuru will never get a Passport Office but I did manage to get Post Office Passport Seva Kendra to Mysuru and so far 43,000 passports have been issued from this office.

In fact, in your own paper *SOM* every Thursday along with the train time-table, you also publish contact details of Passport Seva Kendra and that shows how important and useful this Kendra is. And yes, I would like to take credit for bringing this service.

Apart from this, under AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) scheme, six water tanks have been built at a cost of Rs. 29 crore at Yadavagiri and Vijayanagar.

SOM: But your opponent C.H. Vijayashankar says many of the above projects were initiated by him. And why do you feel you will be a better MP than Vijayashankar?

Pratap Simha: Apart from mega projects, many other development works have been undertaken during my tenure. Now, I want to ask my opponent this, how many new trains did he get to Mysuru in the 10 years that he was the MP? Zero.

> "We are not developing Kodagu by destroying forest. I was the first elected rep to oppose Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line as it destroys eco-sensitive areas."

> "I have realised that through a political position I could change the lives of many and this is precisely what I have tried to do. I feel I have done my job with sincerity & honesty."

Yes, the airport terminal may have been built when he was the MP but what is the use of having just a terminal building at Mysore Airport without flights taking off?

Coming to the question of why I feel I will be a better MP than Vijayashankar, please compare the development works initiated by me (as an MP for one term) and Vijayashankar (as two-term MP). Works speak and not words. Many development works that were only on paper before I became MP has been realised after 2014. I have given a report card on my achievements on my website ***http://pratapsimha.com/4-5-years-report-card/*** and that is a complete and comprehensive one.

Also, I have been an interactive MP. Before people hardly cared or knew who their MP was and didn't even know what work they did but I have roused that interest in people to know who their MP is and keep an eye on what work I do.

SOM: All you mentioned was for Mysuru, what about development of Kodagu and Hunsur?

Pratap Simha: The more than 100-year-old proposal for a Railway line to Kodagu is becoming a reality with a line up to Ranigate in Periyapatna near Kushalnagar at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,850 crore. The works will begin for Mysuru-Madikeri four-lane road and also a Highway connecting Hassan-Channarayapatna-Shanivarsanthe-Somwarpet-Makutta from the Central Road Fund (CRF). The second phase, for improvement of roads across Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency is also in the pipeline.

We also have to talk about Kodagu disaster where over 30 percent land was affected. There were over 20 deaths and each family got Rs. 7 lakh and of this, Rs. 6 lakh was paid by the Centre and the State gave Rs. 1 lakh. The Peraje-Suntikoppa Highway that was completely destroyed by floods has been reconstructed by the Centre.

Under Members of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) funds, I have given Rs. 9.5 crore to Kodagu for various development projects.

As for Hunsur, for the first time in the history of tobacco growers in the region they were provided the highest average price. Before 2014, the average price per kg of tobacco was Rs. 129. In four years, prices rose from Rs. 135, Rs. 138 and the now the growers are getting Rs. 142 per kg.

SOM: But there is severe opposition from environmentalists for Kodagu development.

Pratap Simha: We are not developing Kodagu by destroying environment. I was the first elected representative to oppose the Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line as it destroys eco-sensitive areas. Actually, Kodagu has the highest number of vehicles when you take per person per vehicle ratio. Where are roads for these vehicles? It is a tourism-centric district where there are hundreds of home stays supporting the local economy. And if we don't have good roads, what will happen to the tourism industry?

> "People of Mysuru-Kodagu and Pratap Simha have a good coalition and that is all that matters to me, no other coalition matters."

SOM: What have you done for women in your Constituency?

Pratap Simha: Our Prime Minister believes in women empowerment and he has executed many programmes for women's welfare. Crores of women have got smoke-free kitchen as a result of Ujjwala Yojana launched by Modi Government. These schemes have been effectively implemented in Mysuru-Kodagu too. And under the Swachh Bharat initiative, millions of women have been saved from the ignominy of relieving themselves in open spaces.

SOM: If BJP comes back to power and you win, there is a talk that you will be appointed as a Minister of State?

Pratap Simha: See, the ultimate aim is to serve people. I am not hankering for a Ministerial berth. I was elected to do work for Mysuru and Kodagu and I feel I have not only done good work but also done better than previous MPs.

SOM: How does the Congress-JD(S) coalition affect your strategy this election?

Pratap Simha: The people of Mysuru, Kodagu and Pratap Simha have a good coalition and that is all that matters to me. No other coalition matters. The work that I have done is my biggest asset.

SOM: Do you feel you could serve people better as an MP than a journalist?

Pratap Simha: When I was a journalist I was working within the four walls. My wife Arpitha and daughter Vipanchi were my world and I used to think how my writing would usher in a change in the society.

As journalists, we write about making a change. We want to be the agents of change. But then there is a limit and when we exceed this limit, the next thing to do is enter politics in a bid to further that change. So overnight I became a politician and was thrown into public life.

I realised that through a political position I could change the lives of many people. And this is precisely what I have tried to do and I certainly feel I have done my job with sincerity and honesty.

SOM: There is talk that you don't meet people on Sundays and that is upsetting some constituents and party workers.

Pratap Simha: See, I know I am the people's representative but I am also a husband and father to a small girl. Should I not give them my time at least once a week? I ask people to meet me at my office when they have work and I am there for them 6 days a week, Sunday is for my wife and daughter. When I tell people don't meet me at home on Sundays, they think I am arrogant. No. I am not. I have great respect for party workers who have helped build the party in Mysuru-Kodagu and for working towards my victory in the last elections. What you are hearing is only rumours.

SOM: What are your plans for your Constituency if you win the elections?

Pratap Simha: My first priority is to complete the connectivity projects launched during my tenure including the 10-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, expand the Mysore Airport runway to bring bigger flights, bring piped gas to industries and homes in Mysuru, set up a Software Technology Park in Mysuru that will immensely help engineering colleges and software companies. I want Kodagu to grow as a nature-tourist destination and also assure everyone that I want to achieve this by keeping environmental issues in mind.

SOM: Despite so many development works, why don't you seek votes on a development plank instead of invoking Modi all the time?

Pratap Simha: The credit of developing my Constituency goes directly to Modi and the Ministries. Earlier we had a passive PM and the MPs in our Constituency were not result-oriented leaders. Now we have a pro-active PM whose single focus is nation's development and I am enthused by that. Yes, Modi is my driving force and the biggest inspiration, so I invoke him. That apart, PM Modi has been generous in sanctioning funds for various projects for our Constituency.

SOM: Does your wife help in poll campaign?

Pratap Simha: While I am busy with my party workers from morning till night, my wife too campaigns with women cadre at places where I am not campaigning on that particular day. During this time we have "baby sitting" problems as we don't know where to leave my daughter. Sometimes we leave her with my mother or my mother-in-law, other times we have to leave her with my security staff who keep her busy. Actually, she keeps them busy (laughs).

SOM: Why must people vote you back?

Pratap Simha: The people of Mysuru-Kodagu voted for me the first time with two expectations — first, that I be honest and second, that I do work. I want to tell my constituents I have done both. I have been honest and also done good work. As for my honesty, if anyone has any doubt let them come forth and I am ready to face them.

I always say if one day when my daughter is walking and someone even passes a comment that "here goes the daughter of a corrupt politician" there is no greater sin I have committed as a father. So I will never let that happen. Not just that, I did not jump into politics for money or power. I want to be remembered for my work and my service. And as for my work, I feel I have done the best I could in 5 years. In fact, I have done more work than any other MP has done in decades. And now, I want to continue the numerous projects that are in the pipeline and strive for a prosperous Mysuru and Kodagu ▪

Watch out for an interview with coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar tomorrow

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Celebrity Speak...

Story-telling through Fabric

Kaushal Vishu

Mysuru-born Kaushal Vishu making a splash in fashion circles across the globe

By N. Niranjan Nikam

He is in the world of fashion, glitz and glamour and has done more than 100 fashion shows in different parts of the world. He should have been preening about his achievements by now but being a typical Mysuru-born youth, always downplaying accomplishments, this young man wears his success lightly on his sleeve and prefers his work do the talking.

Sitting in the Italian Fashion School in Miami, Florida, called Istituto Marangoni Miami, the **Mysuru-born Fashion Designer Kaushal Vishu,** who was just celebrated his 26th birthday, speaking to *Star of Mysore* in a Skype call said, "In the field of fashion, starting at a young age and having sustained it for so long doing so many shows and judging various shows in India and US as Designer, Fashion Show Director and Stylist has helped me realise, it's the idea and the work that you do matters and rest follows."

On what caught his interest in fashion, Kaushal said, "One of my relatives is a make-up artiste and costume designer who used to come to Mysuru for film shoots. I would accompany her along with my father. I was hardly 12 or 13 but clothes fascinated me. As my parents were wary of my interest I had to do my engineering which I did at NIE. Though I was an average student, I played tennis and also was good in dancing. However, I always knew that it was fashion that I wanted to pursue, as you could tell your own story in your own way."

As a Freelance Entrepreneur, Kaushal launched his first official show in 2014 at *Windflower Resort & Spa* in Mysuru at the age of 21. He has grown from strength to strength and some of the celebrities who have supported and walked for him include Shruthi Hariharan, Shradda Srinath, Shweta Pandit, RJ Rohit *(Bigg Boss),* Chetan Chandra, Niranjan Deshpande, G.S. Aishwarya and Spoorthi Suresh.

Asked what made him to go to US to do Master's in Design and Media Management at Miami International University of Art Design he said. "I aspire to continually grow and further develop my talents within the Creative and Management Industry."

It was here that he participated in the *Atlanta Fashion Week-2018* as Feature Designer, directing the assistants involved in preparing rough samples of the design, coordinating their work in alignment to meet deadlines, examining the look of sample garments on models, making sure that the designed product matches the age, gender, style and socioeconomic status of target consumers and modifying and redesigning the garments if need arises.

This was followed by his participation in 25th year celebration of Srigandha Kannada Koota at Florida, Tampa, as Show Director and Designer where he created all fashion looks for female roles and then the equally big AKKA (Association of Kannada Kootas of America) at Dallas, Texas as Show Director and Designer.

Parry him with the question, is fashion show and designing the only interests, Kaushal sitting in the Italian Fashion School early in the morning at 8.30, even as his CEO Hakan Baykam walks into the school and says hello to this writer, said, "This is a one-year course which started in July last year and will end this July. I have to do a lot of multi-tasking here. This is one of the most prestigious fashion schools in the world (there is one in Mumbai) and to build such a portfolio in USA is very important."

"I always wanted to teach fashion and the business aspect of it. In this course where I am also working will help do it. I had done a course in Fashion Designing and Styling at Queen's School in Mysuru," he added.

On what is the difference between fashion in India and US, Kaushal said, "There are differences as they are culturally different countries. Hence, the choice of dressing on a daily basis is also different. However, the gap is closing in urban and corporate India as well, as the people are into more western wears. Most of the people in the US like wearing customised outfits as they are affordable compared to India. Dressing up is more important compared to India that's because it has a major influence from the society they live in. Apart from that, couture works (high-end fashion) of both countries are high and equal as the designers are very creative. Couple of Designers that I admire who are Indians or have Indian roots and now Americans are Naeem Khan, Bibu Mohapatra, etc..."

He recalled the time when the *Royal Fables of India* had a tour in the US. These royals are mostly from North Indian families who participated in the fashion show. It was held at India - US Chamber of Commerce President Dr. Madhu Mehta's residence in 2018 and he was a part of it.

Surprised that the clothesline or the brand they showcased did not have a single Mysore Silk collection, Kaushal asked them, why the royals from Mysuru were not participating as Mysore Silk was widely known and the erstwhile Maharajas had their own silk brand, this was the reply he got, "Mysore Royals are very sophisticated and subdued in their approach."

On how he has remained untouched by the glamour of the fashion industry, Kaushal said, "It all depends on the upbringing and culture and this is what my parents (Anita Vishu and Vishu Kumar, residents of Siddarthanagar, Mysuru) have instilled in me. There are restrictions that I have imposed on myself and I do not cross those boundaries. But I have seen in the US how most of the Indians are depressed souls *(Nonda jeevagalu)* as they, like me, keep craving for everything Indian. However, my goal is to achieve something here and move on."

Royal Fables of India team seen with India - US Chamber of Commerce President Dr. Madhu Mehta at his residence in Miami, Florida. Fashion Designer Kaushal Vishu** (sitting second from right) **is also seen.

Additional CEC Dr. Ajay Nagabhushan holds video conference

Directs District Officers to be extra vigilant as poll date nears

Government officers manning the control room set up to handle calls received on 1950 at the DC's Office this morning.

Dr. Ajay Nagabhushan

Mysuru, Apr. 12 (RK&BCT)- Additional State Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Dr. M.N. Ajay Nagabhushan has asked the electoral officers in the district to ensure that the Model Code of Conduct is strictly implemented and a day-to-day account of the implementation must be sent to the State Election Commission (SEC). Along with the Model Code, expenditure of the candidates must also be strictly monitored and reports have to be sent to the State authorities.

Addressing the election officers through video conference from Election Commission Office in Bengaluru this morning, Dr. Ajay Nagabhushan told the district officers led by Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, who is the District Electoral Officer and Returning Officer, that information and data must be collected from various sources including Static Surveillance Teams, check posts, flying squads, Police and Excise teams and the Model Code of Conduct must be implemented strictly.

The Additional State CEC's video conference assumes significance as the poll dates near where political parties will try and induce voters with money, liquor and freebies. Dr. Ajay Nagabhushan told the election officers and expenditure observers to prepare a daily observation list of candidate expenditure and compare the same with the actual expenditure list furnished by the candidates.

He directed the officers to set right the discrepancies in the list of expenditures prepared by the observers and the list of expenditure provided by the candidates before sending the final list to the State Election Commission. He also directed them to ensure that no names of voters are left out from the voters list and voters slip is sent to all homes. Duplication of names must be avoided, he directed.

1950 CONTROL ROOM

The control room set up to handle calls received on number 1950 has so far received 3,472 calls. The control room has been established on the first floor of the DC Office and is manned by three officers 24/7 in three shifts.

The call details are forwarded to National Grievances Redressal Portal and are updated regularly. This morning, three officers — Guruprasad of Tribal Welfare Department, Alton Lobo and C.A. Chandru of the Education Department — were receiving the calls. The control room officials work in three shifts — 6 am to 2 pm, 2 pm to 10 pm and 10 pm to 6 am.

Most of the calls were from voters who wanted to make sure that their names are there in the voters list. Many of them wanted to know about their polling booths. Officials told *Star of Mysore* that they get calls of civic grievances too.

cVIGIL App

Deputy Director of Land Records K. Ramya is the Nodal Officer of cVIGILApp (which stands for "citizens' vigil") that allows people to record any violation of the code of conduct and send it to the relevant election authority.

The app allows any person to click a picture or record a two-minute video in case there is a violation of the code of conduct. The photo or video then can be easily uploaded on the cVIGIL app. Ramya told *SOM* that so far, 50 complaints have been uploaded in the app and 29 of them were found to be genuine where the Assistant Returning Officer (ARO) has taken action.

The citizen's complaint is assigned to a Flying Squad team in the area which is expected to reach the spot within 15 minutes from the time of receipt of the complaint. After a preliminary inquiry by the team, a report is forwarded to the respective ARO through the cVIGIL investigator app. On the ARO's response, the complainant will receive a message, she added.

Doctor's house burgled in city

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Interestingly, though the house is well-equipped with CCTV cameras, the family had switched them off before leaving to Bengaluru, a wrong move that gave the burglars a clear advantage.

Vijayanagar Inspector B.G. Kumar and staff conducted mahazar yesterday in front of the family members and city fingerprint unit personnel and dog squad were summoned. DCP M. Muthuraj and N.R. Sub-Division ACP Dharanesh visited the house.

It is suspected that the burglars first broke open the iron door of the passage leading to the rear portion of the house and broke open the back door and entered the first floor of the house where the two master bedrooms are located.

The burglars entered the first master bedroom and took away Rs. 11 lakh cash that was kept in the cupboard. They then entered the second master bedroom and broke open the locker kept under the bed and stole 5 kg gold ornaments and 30 imported watches. Interestingly, the burglars did not touch the silver articles weighing about 10 kg worth about Rs. 3,80,000 kept in the same locker.

Police suspect that after gaining entry into the house, burglars would have searched the nook and corner and that is how they were able to discover the locker that was kept under the bed in one of the master bedrooms. The Police even suspect that somebody knew of the secret locker under the bed.

Despite repeated Police advisory to residents not to keep large quantity of cash and jewels at home and also inform the jurisdictional Police while going out of station so that the Police can keep an eye on the locked house, most of the people are not following it which is in turn leading to such crimes, Police said.

Rahul Gandhi to campaign in K.R. Nagar tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr.12 (RK&DM)- AICC President Rahul Gandhi will address a poll rally at K.R. Nagar in the district tomorrow.

Rahul will address the rally at the sprawling Government PU College ground in K.R. Nagar town at 5.30 pm and seek votes for Mandya LS seat coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy and Mysuru-Kodagu candidate C.H. Vijayashankar.

Rahul, who is scheduled to address poll rallies at Kolar and Chitradurga tomorrow, will arrive at K.R. Nagar from Chitradurga at 5.30 pm and address the Congress-JD(S) joint rally.

He will later depart from K.R. Nagar by road at 7 pm and reach Mandakalli Airport at 7.50 pm. He will leave the city at 8 pm, according to KPCC press release.

Political funding: Submit details to EC by May 30, says SC

New Delhi, Apr. 12- The Supreme Court (SC) this morning refused any interim stay on the electoral bond scheme and directed all parties to submit details of political funding received so far to the Election Commission EC in "sealed covers" by May 30.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising Justices Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna, ordered the parties to furnish receipts of electoral bonds to the poll body, providing information on the identity of donors and the amount in the account of donors.

The Apex Court observed that "rival contentions" by the petitioners and respondents "raise weighty issues which have a tremendous bearing on the electoral process" and that the matter will require a detailed hearing. It posted the matter for hearing on an "appropriate date."

Besides this, the Court also directed the Finance Ministry to reduce the window of purchasing electoral bonds from 10 days to five days in April-May.

The Top Court was hearing a plea by NGO Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) challenging the scheme and seeking either a stay on the bonds or the declaration of names of the donor to ensure transparency in poll process. Appearing for petitioner ADR, advocate Prashant Bhushan had earlier said that according to Election Commission figures, bonds worth Rs. 210 crore of the total Rs. 221 crore purchased had gone to the BJP.

However, objecting to it, Attorney General K.K. Venugopal said Bhushan was making an election speech. Responding to queries from Apex Court earlier, he had said "transparency cannot be the mantra" and "my opinion is voters have the right to know about their candidates... why they should know where the money of political parties is coming from."

The BJP-led NDA government had announced electoral bonds in the earlier budget, claiming that the scheme would clean up political funding. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had also defended the use of electoral bonds, saying that if the donors are asked to disclose names of political parties to whom they give money, it would result in return to the earlier system of usage of cash and black money in political funding.

The government had brought in the electoral bond scheme as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of its efforts to bring transparency in political funding. Under the scheme, the name of the donor is known only to banks.

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Poster exhibition on compulsory voting at Suburban Bus Stand

Mysuru, Apr.12 (MTY&NNN)- Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) was launched by Election Commission of India in 2014 to inform, motivate and facilitate voters and in turn make Indian democracy more participative and meaningful. Taking it to new meaningful heights during this election and in order to increase voter turnout, more and more innovative programmes are being organised by SVEEP committees.

In this direction, SVEEP committee has launched a poster exhibition at city's Suburban Bus Stand to create awareness about compulsory voting. The poster has been displayed in front of the ticket counter at the bus stand. This three-day awareness programme was inaugurated by Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K. Jyothi while Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shilpa Nag and Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) G. Anuradha were present here on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion Jyothi said, the first phase of polling is approaching in the State and will be held on Apr.18. Hence, in order to see that more people vote, a lot of steps have been taken. Through street plays and creating awareness among the student community in colleges, the importance of voting is being stressed, she added.

The volunteers are going house-to-house in rural areas and asking the voters to compulsorily vote. The PDOs (Panchayat Development Officer) and Gram Secretaries are putting up stickers and distributing pamphlets and bringing to the notice of the rural people the importance of voting.

ADC G. Anuradha said that with the assistance of Information and Publicity Department and Transport Department, an awareness programme has been chalked out. The poster exhibition has been organised to create awareness about compulsory voting.

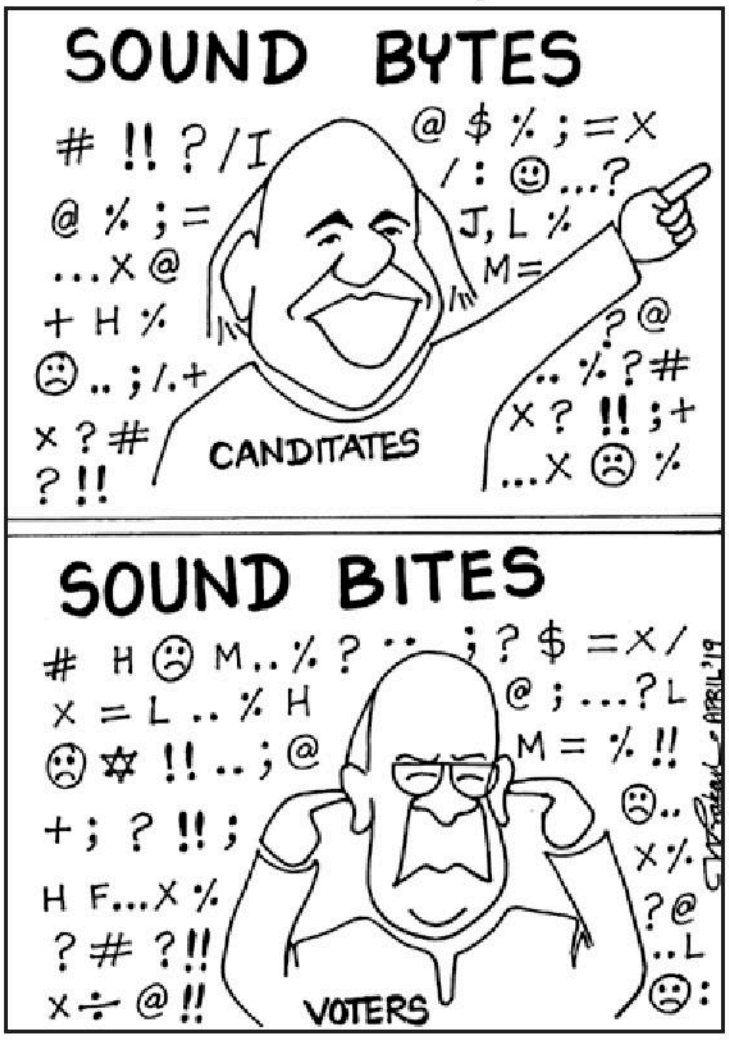
The Suburban Bus Stand is teeming with rural people and in this light, the three-day programme has been organised. Staff has been deployed to create awareness about voting, voting booth and other issues to the travellers, she added.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag said during the last election there was 65 per cent voting in the district. However, in the city, it was only 57 per cent. Hence, to increase voter turnout, various programmes have been organised.

If the voters do not have Voter's ID, then, as the Election Commission has directed, they can bring any one of the 11 ID proofs and cast their votes and besides information can be obtained from 'Chunavana App,' an Android App, which gives the information related to Election 2019 for citizens of Karnataka, she explained.

Information Department Assistant Director Raju, KSRTC Divisional Controller (Rural) R. Ashok Kumar and others were present.

TEASER By N. Prakash



People fed up with State's coalition Government: BJP leader

T. Narasipur, Apr. 12 (SK&DM)- Claiming that the people of the State are fed up with the maladministration of JD(S)-Congress coalition government in the State, senior BJP leader Raghu Kautilya appealed the people to support the BJP in the Lok Sabha (LS) polls and thus throw out rampant nepotism practised by coalition partners.

Addressing a press meet at Veerashaiva Students Hostel at Vivekanandanagar on Wednesday, Raghu said that the electorate should teach a lesson to coalition partners in the LS polls.

Maintaining that several Congress-JD(S) workers who were upset with the coalition are indirectly supporting BJP candidates is most of the Constituencies, he said that the independent candidate in Mandya has been supported publicly by coalition leaders and workers.

Stating that the coalition government would fall due to its own contradictions, Raghu Kautilya said that internal dissensions have been haunting the coalition government.

Continuing his tirade against the coalition JD(S)-Congress government, he said that the people should teach a lesson to the coalition leaders by voting them out in the LS polls.

He said that senior BJP leader and Chamarajanagar LS candidate V. Sreenivasa Prasad would become a Union Minister if elected, he appealed the electorate to vote for Prasad for the all-round development of Chamarajanagar.

Nayaka Community leader M. Appanna said that the BJP government headed by B.S. Yeddyurappa had hiked the grants for SC/ST Communities.

Pointing out that it was Yeddyurappa who made Valmiki Jayanti celebrations official at the State-level, Appanna maintained that the NDA government is committed towards inclusion of Parivara and Talawara Subcastes to ST list.

He appealed Nayaka Community to vote for BJP candidates in all LS seats.

Town BJP President B. Veerabhadrappa, leaders M. Venkataramana Shetty, A.N. Ranga Nayaka and other were present.

Fashion Show for voter awareness at Ch'nagar !

Chamarajanagar, Apr.12- The Election Commission of India is going all out to bring the maximum number of voters to the polling booths during this Lok Sabha election. One of the novel ways in which this was brought to the public attention was when school and college students came together in a cultural programme and fashion show.

The District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, District SVEEP Committee, Department of PU Education, Handloom and Textile Department and State Pollution Control Board had jointly organised the programme in which ZP CEO K.S. Latha Kumari inaugurated the event by applying ink on the finger of a drawing on a plaque.

The District SVEEP Committee is organising special programmes including Fashion Show to create voter awareness. This is being done to draw the attention of youth and also increase voter turnout, said one of the Committee members.

The models wore silk sarees, which carried the four logos of the EC and sashayed on the ramp, which evoked loud cheers among the public. The models canvassed the message of voting through the fabrics that they were displaying.

The students who had come from schools and colleges from different parts of the district participated in plays and songs and spread the message of voting. Deputy Director of PU Education Shyamala, Dr. K.H. Prasad, Nayeem and officials of the Department of Ecology and Environment were present.

Bull turns docile to Darshan's gesture

K.R. Nagar, Apr.12- Everyone is aware that film star Darshan loves animals who now is canvassing for Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish contesting from Mandya LS seat. His compassion for animals again came to limelight when he was campaigning in K.R. Nagar.

During the road show yesterday in the town, a huge white bull came in front of his vehicle. The bull having two big horns which stood amidst the people refused to budge from the place. Though the supporters of the star gathered around tried to push it, they were unsuccessful.

Darshan after getting down from the vehicle put his fingers in the mouth, whistled and requested the crowd not to create any confusion and steadily moved towards the bull. And then he slowly started patting the bull that was firmly entrenched in the place.

With this gesture, the crowd broke into a rapturous yell, and as though the people had interfered in his solitude, the bull turned his face once to the right and heaved out a heavy sigh.

Darshan admonished the people and once again patted the bull and whispered asking it to move forward. As though he understood Darshan's pleadings, the bull suddenly moved away.

Impressed with this action of their favourite star, the joy of his fans knew no bounds. The fans who had captured the whole action on their mobiles shared it on the social media. This video has gone viral and already there are thousands of likes.

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War of words leave a bitter taste in sugar bowl this poll season

Mandya, Apr.12- It is a political '*Jangi-Kusti*' in Mandya, the sugar bowl of India, with candidates, their godfathers and supporters indulging in a bitter war of words in their attempt to woo voters and garner maximum support.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who held a road show at Gejjalagere on Thursday, accused independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish of hatching a new plot to tarnish the image of coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy, who is contesting on a JD(S) ticket.

Claiming that the opposition parties in the State have joined hands to defeat his son Nikhil, Kumaraswamy maintained that the JD(S) is not indulging in any dirty tactics against Sumalatha.

Alleging that Sumalatha has hatched a plot where her followers are asked to indulge in stone-pelting and then blame the JD(S) for the act, Kumaraswamy appealed the electorate to vote for the candidate who would be always amongst them.

The CM also asked when farmers were committing suicide across the district who helped them.

Sumalatha hits back

Reacting to Kumaraswamy's tirade against her, actress and independent candidate Sumalatha questioned the CM on why the State Government had failed to end farmers' distress and prevent farmers' suicide.

Speaking to press persons after offering prayers at Nimishamba Temple, Ganjam in Srirangapatna Taluk on Thursday, Sumalatha wondered why Kumaraswamy, who is in the politics for decades could not find a solution to agrarian issues.

Asking Kumaraswamy not to play politics in the name of farmers, Sumalatha said she need not answer to the CM's allegations that her supporters would indulge in stone-pelting for gaining sympathy as the poll date is nearing.

Stating that she has been getting warm response wherever she went for campaigning, Sumalatha alleged that the CM and JD(S) leaders were behaving in an arrogant manner and were misusing power to win the polls by hook or crook.

Sumalatha later campaigned in several villages of Srirangapatna and K.R. Pet taluks and appealed the people to give her an opportunity for serving them.

Today she continued electioneering at K.R. Pet taluk.

Ensure victory of HDD-Rahul led coalition candidates: GTD

Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda undertaking a padayatra seeking votes in favour of Congress-JD(S) coalition candidate R. Dhruvanarayan in Yachenahalli yesterday along with MLA Ashwin Kumar, MLC R. Dharmasena, former MLA Kagalavadi Shivanna, Congress Campaign Committee District President Y.N. Shankaregowda and others.

T. Narasipur, Apr.12 (SK&NNN)- There are twin objectives in this election, one is to strengthen the leadership of H.D. Deve Gowda (HDD) at the national level and the second is to see that Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy completes his five-year term in the coalition government which he leads. Hence, in the present Lok Sabha elections, JD(S) leaders and workers must support R. Dhurvanarayan, the JD(S)-Congress coalition candidate in Chamarajanagar and ensure his victory, said Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD).

He was holding a padayatra at the taluk's Beedanahalli, Turugnuru, Yachenahalli yesterday and canvassing for Dhruvanarayan and said that at the national level the secular forces must fight united in the Lok Sabha elections. The JD(S) and Congress party workers must support the leadership of Deve Gowda and Rahul Gandhi and work towards the victory of the coalition candidates with widest margins, he urged.

In the old Mysuru region, there was big fight between the JD(S) and Congress during the Assembly elections. We ourselves were fighting one another. But during this Lok Sabha election, we have to come together to fight against the BJP. It is our responsibility to see that Dhruvanarayan who is a very simple and cultured man always working in the interest of the people gets elected to the Lok Sabha again, said GTD.

Candidate Dhruvanarayan urging the voters to re-elect him said, "In the last decade as a MP, I have brought several schemes and projects to the people of the area. It is only in the interest of serving the people that I am fighting the election. I do not have desire for power or any other ulterior motive. Since I have the energy and zeal to work, you must re-elect me to Lok Sabha."

MLA M. Ashwin Kumar also spoke. Former MLA Kagalavadi Shivanna, MLC R. Dharmasena, former MLA S. Krishnappa, JD(S) District President N. Narasimhamurthy, Congress District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former President R. Shankaregowda and others were took part.

DKS trips while alighting from campaign vehicle

D.K. Shivakumar

Malavalli, Apr. 12- In a reported incident, senior Congress leader and Water Resources Minister D.K.Shivakumar (DKS) tripped while alighting from a campaign vehicle at Malavalli last night.

Shivakumar, who is on a campaign trail for coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy, was alighting from his campaign vehicle near the house of JD(S) leader Chandrasekhar on Malavalli-Mysuru road at about 10 pm last night, when he accidentally tripped and fell on the vehicle. But he soon recovered and moved on, it is learnt.

Sumalatha is a better choice, says Prakash Rai

Prakash Rai

Bengaluru, Apr.12(KMS& DM)- Actor Prakash Rai has said independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish is a better choice than JD(S)-Congress coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy in Mandya LS seat.

Speaking at a media interaction meet at Bengaluru on Thursday, Prakash Rai who himself is contesting as an independent candidate from Bengaluru (Central) LS Constituency, said he feels that Sumalatha is far more experienced and mature than Nikhil when it comes to issues and ideologies.

Maintaining that he would not oppose family politics, he said there is nothing wrong if a person from a political family jumps into politics if he/she has the qualities and experience.

Asserting that he does not like to see Narendra Modi as the PM again, he however said that he has nothing personal against Modi, but he opposed only his policies and style of functioning.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Kavaludaari	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Revenge	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
Kavacha	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Night Out	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Yajamana	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Rugged	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Panchatantra	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
PM Narendra Modi	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Hellboy	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
World of Fashion	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Hellboy	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Majili	Lakshmi	2443584	2 Shows
MALAYALAM			
Madhura Raja	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Adanga Maru	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
-----	Lido	2420885	4 Shows

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Dumbo (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.15 am
Watchman (Ta)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
Hellboy (E)	(S-1)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Virupaa (K)	(S-2)	11 am
Uriyadi-2 (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
The Tashkent Files (H)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Madhura Raja (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Chitralahari (Te)	(S-3)	11 am, 9.55 pm
Kavaludarri (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm, 7.00 pm
The Least of These (E)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Shazam ! (E)	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Kavacha (K)	(S-4)	3.55 pm, 6.55 pm

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Kavaludaari (K)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 3.50 pm, 6.50 pm
Uriyadi - 2 (Ta)	(S-3)	2.30 pm
Hellboy (E)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 3.55 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Chitralahari (Te)	(S-2)	1.05 pm; (S-3) 9.55 pm
Pet Sematary (E)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 4.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Shazam (E)	(S-3)	5.00 pm; (S- 2) 9.50 pm
Kavacha (K)	(S-1)	12.40 pm
Madhura Raja (Ma)	(S-1)	6.35 pm
Watchman (Ta)	(S-3)	7.45 pm
Romeo Akbar Walter (H)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Jai Kesari Nandana (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Night Out (K)	(S-3)	12.05 pm

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Kavacha (K)	9.40 am, 1 pm
Uriyadi 2 (Ta)	10.15 am
Hellboy (E)	10.45 am, 4 pm, 7:15 pm, 10 pm
Jai Kesari Nandana (K)	11 am
Majili (Te)	12.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Shazam ! (E)	1.30 pm
Kavaludaari (K)	2.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Pet Sematary (E)	4.20 pm, 10 pm
Chitralahari (Te)	4.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Night Out (K)	5.05 pm
Watchman (Ta)	7.45 pm
Madhura Raja (Ma)	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (APR.12)

Artz Gallery: March Group Show (an art expo), Gallery premises, Gokulam, **up to 7 pm.**

Mysore Industries Management Association (MIND MASS), Mysuru and Innovative Forum of HR Associates (IFHA), Mysuru: Interactive Session on Recent Judgement of Supreme Court on PF Contributions - Salary Components to be Considered,' Bhaskar Kalale, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru and President & GM of India Operations, Theorem Inc., inaugurates, R. Guru, Chairman, N. Ranga Rao & Sons Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, delivers keynote address, Speakers - K. Kasturi, Senior Counsel, High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru and J. Purushotham, Advocate President, MIND MASS, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **5 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha and Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira: 90th Sri Ramotsava, Sribalatri Purambika Bhajana Mandali, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal Duet by Vidu. Vipanchi Raghuram and Vidu. Mahati Raghuram, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Shankara Jayanti Sabha, Saraswathipuram: Sri Ramanavami Cultural Programmes — Devotional Songs by Chinmayi Bhajana Mandali, **5 pm to 5.45 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Rekha Rekha Shivashankar, Samudaya Bhavana, Tengina Topu (Coconut Grove), Saraswathipuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti: Discourse on 'Padmapurana' by Vid. Aniruddachar Pandurangi, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Trayinyas Srividya Foundation: 10th Sri Vasantha Navaratri, Sri Dasha Shyamala Homa, Foundation premises, No.8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre: Installation Ceremony of new team (2019-20), J.C. Sharma, Vice-Chairman and MD, Sobha Ltd., chief guest, K. Sriram, National Vice-President, BAI, Installation Officer, R. Ambika Pathy, State Chairman, BAI Karnataka and N.S. Muralidhar, Regional Co-ordinator, South, BAI, guests of honour, Hotel Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Hebbal Industrial Area, near Infosys Campus, **6 pm.**

The Literary Criterion Centre, Dhvanyaloka: CDN Memorial Award Ceremony and Lecture-2019 programme, Conferring of Award on Dr. Rajnath, former Professor of English, Allahabad University, delivers the CDN Memorial lecture on 'Colonialism, Post-Colonialism and English Teaching and Research in India,' Centre premises, Bogadi Road, **6 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Veena concert in memory of Veena Maestro S. Balachandar, veteran veena player Vid. D. Balakrishna will render the concert, accompanied on veena by his disciple Vid. Srinivasa Prasanna, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vid. Phaneendra Bhaskar on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Sitarama Temple Trust, Railway Colony: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sabha Anujne, Shuddapunyaha Rakshabandhana, Ankurarpane, Sri Ganapati Homa, Mahamangalarati, Sri Sitarama Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Parampare: 2nd Annual Ramotsava, Bhajans by Sharadadevi Mahila Samaja, **6 pm;** Karnatak Classical Music by Sriharsha, accompanied by Vid. H.S. Tandavamurthy on violin and Vid. Manjunath on mridanga, Ganapati Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishna Nagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysuru North: 25th Ramanavami Music Fest, 'Geetha Ramayana' by H.R. Leelavathi and troupe of Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**

Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra: Pt. Narasimhacharya Gore from Coimbatore delivers discourse on 'Srimad Ramayana Lokopayogi Sandeshagalu,' Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, Vishwa Madhwa Mahaparishat, Uttaradi Mutt, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.13)

MCC and SVEEP Committee: 'Run for Democracy,' actor Mandya Ramesh chief guest, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **7.30 am.**

Sri Sitarama Temple Trust, Railway Colony: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Abhisheka and Mangalarati, **7.30 am;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga as part of Sri Ramanavami, **11.30 am;** Devaranama by Lakshmi Bhajana Mandali, Sri Sitarama Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Rama Temple, Palace North Gate: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Abhisheka, Parayana, Archane and other puja rituals, **8 am;** Cultural programmes — Nadaswara by Jagadish and troupe, **7 pm.**

Bhavan's Priyamvada Birla Institute of Management and National Institute of Digital Marketing: Dynamic Digital Marketing Summit Mysuru Chapter - 2019; Digital Footprints, Why it matters? — by K.G. Manasi, Social Media Trainer and Consultant; Future Trends and Career Prospects in Digital Marketing by M.S. Kumar, Founder and Trainer at NIDM, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan premises, Vijayanagar, **10.30 am to 1.30 pm.**

Teresian Alumni Association: Alumni Meet, Ave Maria Golden Jubilee Auditorium, College premises, **11 am.**

Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple, Chamundipuram: Sri Ramotsava, Sri Ramanavami Kalasha Sthapane, **8 am;** 'Laya Lahari' by Vid. Vadiraj from Chennai and troupe — flute by Vid. Rakesh Dutt, violin by Vid. Rajesh Kumbukodu, mridanga by Vid. Vadiraj, ghata by Vid. G. Ravichandran and morching by Vid. A.S. Ramesh, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Rama Bhakta Vrinda Seva Trust, Sri Rama Mandira, J.P. Nagar: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Abhisheka, **8 am;** Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana, **10 am;** Alankara, Devatarchane, **11 am;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **12 noon;** Bhajans by Sri Mata Satsanga and troupe, J.P. Nagar, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Sri Rama Mandira, J.P. Nagar, **8.30 pm.**

Trayinyas Srividya Foundation: 10th Sri Vasantha Navaratri, Mahabhisheka, Sapthashathi Parayana, Lalithopakhyana Parayana, Sri Chakrarchane, **8.30 am;** Srividya Navadurga Homa, Foundation premises, No.8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Irwin Road: Ramanavami, special abhisheka and homas, sankalpa, Temple premises, **9 am.**

Vidyavardhaka FGC, PG Centre, DoS in Commerce, Mysuru: Valedictory of PG Students' Forum for Academic Year 2018-19, M.G. Byndoor, MD, Food and Biotechnology Consultancy Services, District Secretary - Rotary District 3181, Mysuru, chief guest, Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha, presides, P.M. Chikkaboraiah Hall, College premises, Seshadri Iyer Road, **9.30 am.**

Sri Shankara Jayanti Sabha, Saraswathipuram: Sri Ramanavami Programmes, Abhisheka, Archane and other puja rituals, **9.30 am;** Mahamangalarati, **11.30 am;** Cultural programmes — Devotional Songs by Sri Shankara Bhajana Mandali, **5 pm to 5.45 pm;** Kathak by Vidu. Upasana, Samudaya Bhavana, Tengina Topu (Coconut Grove), Saraswathipuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha and Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira: 90th Sri Ramotsava, Sri Ramanavami, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka, Bhajans by Chaitanya Bhajana Mandali, **10 am to 12 noon;** Bhajans by Subbarao and troupe, **3 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal Duet by Vidu. Rajasri Josiyar Shrikant & Vidu. Aishwarya Manikarnika and troupe, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 9 pm.**

Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Study, Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri and SC/ ST Special Unit, University of Mysore (UoM): 112th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram, Seminar on 'Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Sadhanegala Prasthutate,' UoM Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi inaugurates, Centre Director Prof. K. Sadashiva presides, Centre premises, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**

Mysore Art Gallery: Interaction with Achiever (Achiever of the Month: 'Asamanya Kannadiga' Syed Isac), former President of Kannada Sahitya Parishat - Mysuru District Maddikere Gopal chief guest, Gallery premises, Ramanuja Road, **11 am.**

Chinmaya Mission: Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sri Dattapadananda graces the occasion, Srirama Kshetra, #91, 5th Main Road, Sarvajanika Hostel Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **11 am to 12.30 pm.**

Rangayana: 'Chinnara Mela' summer camp for children (Theme: Work-Skill-Duty), renowned artiste Ramachandra Hadapad inaugurates, Kalamandira, **4.30 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for kids by Berti Olivera, Senior Theatre Person, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti: Discourse on 'Padmapurana' by Vid. Aniruddachar Pandurangi, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirampet: 129th anniversary celebration of Sri Vikari Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Ramayana' by retd. Engineer and Vidwan K. Ramachandra, Temple premises, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Classical Music by Vid. Srinivasa Prasanna and group, Alamma Choultry, Kunchitagara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Parampare: 2nd Annual Ramotsava, Bhajans by 'Swara Ragalaya' troupe, **6 pm;** Disciples of Natya Guru Vid. Sadesh Bhargav will present dance feature 'Chintana Ramayana', Ganapati Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishna Nagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysuru North: 25th Ramanavami Music Festival, vocal recital by Vid. Pattabhiram Pandit, accompanied by T.S. Mattur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujan on ghata, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**

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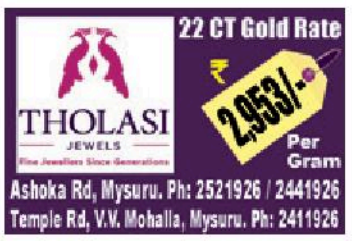
Association of Consulting Civil Engineering (India), Mysore Centre and National Institute of Engineering (NIE): T.K. Nagaraj Endowment Lecture by Mendu Padmanabha Naidu, Project Advisor, L&T Metro, Hyderabad on 'Modern Challenges in the Construction of Mega Projects,' Sir MV auditorium, NIE premises, Manandavadi Road, **6.30 pm.**

Rangavalli: Staging of comedy play 'Samsaradalli Sanidapa,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**



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WORD OF THE DAY

Despot

Pronunciation: DESS-putt

Meaning: A ruler or other person who holds absolute power, typically one who exercises it in a cruel or oppressive way.

Origin: In his 1755 dictionary, Samuel Johnson said of despot, "the word is not in use, except as applied to some Dacian prince; as the despot of Servia."

Indeed at that time, the word was mainly used to identify some very specific rulers or religious officials, and the title was an honourable one: it comes from a Greek word meaning "lord" or "master" and was originally applied to deities. That situation changed toward the end of the century, perhaps because French Revolutionists, who were said to have been "very liberal in conferring this title," considered all sovereigns to be tyrannical.

When democracy became all the rage, despot came to be used most often for any ruler who wielded absolute and often contemptuous and oppressive power.

Example: "We like to think that, in a tyrannizing world, the best and the bravest thing is to beat the despots down. The worst thing, though, is that you become a tyrant yourself." — Anthony Lane, The New Yorker, 24 July 2017.

THE ODD WORD

Drib

A small amount

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Drummed out of the army

Meaning: If someone is drummed out of an organisation such as the armed forces they are forced to leave it, usually because they have done something wrong.

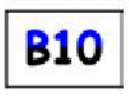
Origin: The phrase 'drummed out' is most often used in relation to the, now outmoded, military practice of dismissing disgraced soldiers to the sound of drums. This drew attention to their plight and acted as a warning to others. The earliest reference to 'drumming out' comes in a figurative use of the phrase, in Thomas Amory's The life of John Buncle, 1766:"They ought to be drummed out of society." The earliest specific reference to drumming out in a military scenario is Lord Thomas Macaulay's Critical and miscellaneous essays, 1829: "Another is drummed out of a regiment." These days we hear little of people being drummed out, apart from in the corny joke 'He was drummed out of the Mafia for cruelty.'

QUOTE BOX

Strength lies not in defence but in attack. **— Adolf Hitler**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus puzzle:



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Answer to previous puzzle

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9	7	6	5	8	1	4	2	3
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Means of access
5 Not excited
9 Be seated
12 Another pet name for Eliza?
13 Appeal; pretext
14 Tech. Std. Order
15 Employer or consumer
16 Bollywood's playback singer
18 No ___, no crown?
20 Swindles or makes a fool of
21 Engage in net-fishing at sea
22 Exclamation of surprise
23 Box office ___
24 Hebrew month
27 Forearm bone
31 Abraham's pet name
32 Irate or angry, in a way?
34 US ISP
35 Loch ___ : Scottish monster lake?
37 Male admirer
38 Natl Def Acad.
39 At the stern
41 Alma ___ : institution in which one studied?
43 Computer codes, in short?
46 Fencing swords
47 One who conducts surveys
50 Bare one's teeth in a smile?
52 Playback singer Arun
53 Red Indian - "I hop" anagram?
54 Concerning, in legal terms - "rein" anagram? (2,2)
55 Admiral, abbr.
56 English Royal House 1461 – 85
57 Nav. readings

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	M	A	R	■	B	O	R	G	■	S	K	I
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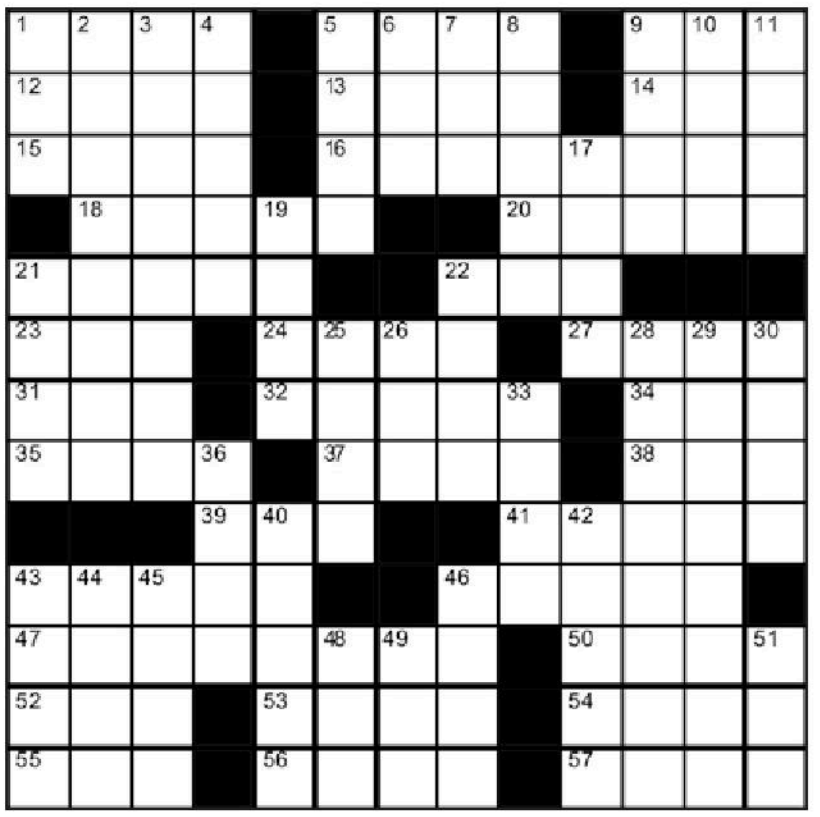
Down

1 ___ Dhabi : capital of United Arab Emirates?
2 Depict
3 States repeatedly
4 Chuck
5 Cert. Public. Accts.
6 Long-sleeved vestment worn by a priest
7 J&K district
8 Indian wheaten flour
9 ____ on : hurry?
10 Understanding term? (1,3)
11 Adds up?
17 Mumbai suburb
19 East European
21 Comparison word
22 An extent of land
25 Money owed
26 A tree could be chopped down with one
28 Protective cases for lamps or lights
29 Have __ ____ for : be disinclined to? (2,6)
30 Pertaining to wings
33 Rubbish tip
36 Sheet of canvas
40 Suspicious
42 Sponsorship
43 Samoan Port
44 Peddled or vended
45 Bivalve
46 French composer ___ Satie
48 Also, in addition
49 Eng. Press. Ratio
51 Video game mfr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KWSXM VJWLASW XHKJPH KQAJZK WLH EHEAPM,

BIX JW PHWBJIK IAWLJIT WLBW JW WBFHK JI

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I feel about airplanes the way I feel about diets. It seems to me they are wonderful things for other people to go on.

Mitchell Santner's last ball six helps CSK score thrilling win over Rajasthan

Jaipur, Apr. 12- Mitchell Santner smoked Ben Stokes for a six in the last delivery to propel Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to a miraculous win in a drama-filled encounter against Rajasthan Royals (RR) at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur on Thursday (Apr. 11).

Chasing 152, MS Dhoni (43-ball 58) and Ambati Rayudu (47-ball 57) got closer to the target, but it was in the final over where all the drama unveiled. Needing 18 to win, Ravindra Jadeja somehow managed to hit the first ball for six despite losing his balance and falling onto the ground. Stokes then knocked over Dhoni in the third delivery to leave 8 off 3.

Just when we thought the drama was over, the main umpire signalled a no ball in the fourth delivery and then all of a sudden backed out. Such was the confusion that it even forced Dhoni to come out of the dugout and he was clearly unhappy with how things folded out. However, Santner kept his calm and hit 2, 2, wd and 6 to pull off a spectacular win for his team and gave Dhoni his 100th win as captain in IPL.

Asked to bat, Rajasthan kept losing wickets at regular intervals before some handy contributions from the lower middle-order took them to 151 for 7 in 20 overs. In reply, Dhoni and Rayudu added 95 runs for the fifth wicket after Chennai's top-order was blown away. However, it was Jadeja and Santner who got them over the line.

Earlier, Ajinkya Rahane and Jos Buttler walked in with the purpose of going after Chennai's most reliable powerplay bowler Deepak Chahar (2 for 33) and the latter's 4 and 6 in the very first over was proof of that. Rahane too showed some positive signs by crafting two boundaries off Mitchell Santner's (1 for 25) bowling but just when it looked like everything was going well for the home team, Chahar struck.

Despite Rahane moving too much inside the crease, Chahar kept it nice and straight and ended up pinning the Rajasthan skipper right in front of the leg-stump for 14. Buttler, however, kept the attack going and slammed Shardul Thakur (2 for 44) for three consecutive boundaries, but got extra greedy and ended up paying for it. The wicket-keeper-batsman wanted to thump

Ravindra Jadeja (right) hugs Mitchell Santner after CSK win the match.

short of length delivery down the ground but lost his shape in the process and ballooned a catch to Ambati Rayudu at extra cover region for 10-ball 23.

Making his return to the side following an injury, Sanju Samson (6) too couldn't carry on and became Santner's first victim. Steven Smith (15) and Rahul Tripathi (10) stuck for a while but fell to Ravindra Jadeja (2 or 20) in the space of two overs, allowing the left-arm spinner to touch the 100-wicket mark in IPL. While Tripathi was caught brilliantly by Kedar Jadhav at point, Smith needlessly swept one straight into the hands of the deep mid-wicket fielder.

Ben Stokes (28), debutant Riyan Parag (16) and Jofra Archer (13) all chipped in but it was Shreyas Gopal's (7-ball 19) contribution that made some difference in the end. The 25-year-old smashed two fours and a six in the last two overs and pushed his team past the 150-run mark.

Chasing a tricky total, Chennai got off to a worst possible start, losing four wickets inside six overs. Shane Watson looked clueless against Dhawal Kulkarni and ended up getting knocked over for nought. Meanwhile, Suresh Raina (4) was caught ball-watching while taking a possible single and Archer hit the bullseye at non striker's end.

After Faf du Plessis (7) fell to Jaydev Unadkat, Kedar Jadhav (1) was outdone by Stokes' brilliance on the field. The right-hander sliced one to the left of Stokes at point but the English all-rounder timed his jump to perfection to pull off a stunning catch. Having been reduced to 24 for 4 at the end of six overs, Chennai needed a huge partnership and Rayudu and Dhoni didn't disappoint. The two started slowly before Dhoni smashed Shreyas Gopal for a maximum over long on to break the shackles. With Dhoni making sure that the required run-rate stays within the reach, Rayudu too joined the party. The right-hander hit two sixes and a four in the space of two overs to complete his half-century and brought the equation down to 51 off 30 deliveries. **M. S. Dhoni was chosen Man of the Match.**

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Yesterday's Result

RR 151/7 (20)
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